

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 4/16/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist (805) 781-4469	
(4) SUBJECT Request to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for three projects to clean and paint three bridges on Stenner Creek, Tassajara Creek, and Buckley Roads (ED12-095) in San Luis Obispo County. Districts 2, 3, and 5.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA) and Section 15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations for three projects to clean and paint three bridges on Stenner Creek, Tassajara Creek, and Buckley Roads near San Luis Obispo.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Road Fund, Federal Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program (BPMP)	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date:	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 2 - District 3 - District 5 -			

Reference: 13APR16-C-4

## County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works  
Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist  
Mark Hutchinson, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 4/16/2013

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### **DISCUSSION**

The proposed projects include cleaning and painting bridges at the following specific locations:

- Stenner Creek Road at Stenner Creek, west of the City of San Luis Obispo and north of Highway 1;
- Tassajara Creek Road at Santa Margarita Creek, south of the community of Santa Margarita and immediately west of Highway 101; and
- Buckley Road at the east branch of San Luis Obispo Creek, south of the City of San Luis Obispo and west of Santa Fe Road.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any environmental impacts. The Initial Study for these projects was prepared by staff of the Department of Public Works' Environmental Division, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed projects will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of mitigation and impact avoidance measures. A single environmental document was prepared for all three projects because they have similar environmental settings and similar potential impacts.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures in the following resource categories: Air Quality, Biological Resources, and Hazards/Hazardous Materials. Mitigation and impact avoidance measures focus on the implementation of standard Best Management Practices for bridge painting work that avoid air and water pollution. A containment system will be in place to contain and collect all water, debris, and dust produced during cleaning and painting operations.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Prior to commencement of the Initial Study, other affected local, State and Federal Agencies are notified of a proposed project. The Air Pollution Control District responded to the project referral and provided information on potential air quality impacts and required permits. Those issues are addressed in the attached Initial Study.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period ended March 15, 2013. A stock letter from the Native American Heritage Commission was received during the comment period. The contents of the letter have been addressed in the Initial Study. No other comments were received.

Prior to the commencement of work within the stream bed and banks, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly Fish and Game) must be secured.

Federal Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program funding triggers federal environmental review requirements, which are administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) by agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Caltrans will review and approve Natural Environmental Studies prepared by the County pursuant to regulations adopted by the FHWA in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Caltrans will also act on FHWA's behalf to accomplish endangered species consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, using Biological Assessments prepared by the County.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

These projects are part of a multi-year maintenance effort budgeted in the Road Fund for FY 2012-13. The estimated costs to clean and paint three bridges on Stenner Creek, Tassajara Creek and Buckley Roads are \$471,000 out of an overall \$1,575,000 budget. The project will be funded from Federal Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program – Local (BPMLPL) and Road Fund. Local matching funds are approximately 12% and are budgeted under the Road Fund.

### **RESULTS**

Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the projects to move into the NEPA, environmental permitting, and compliance phases. Completion of the project will prolong the service life of three existing bridges thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

c: Frank Cunningham, Project Manager

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Mitigated Negative Declaration